GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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LEGISLATION FOR TRADE UNIONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make the trade unions more accountable by enacting legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposals from the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Trade Unions on Labour Reforms in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): Amendment proposals in the Trade Unions Act, 1926 are under consideration of the Govt.The Trade Unions (Amendment) Bill, 2001 has been passed by the Rajya Sabha on 2.8.2001. In the proposed amendments, inter-alia there are provisions that office bearers of the trade unions will be elected and their duration will not be more than 3 years, the proportion of office bearers to be connected with the industry, to be enhanced from 1/2 to 2/3rd of the total number of office bearers.

(c) to (e): A representation from the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry,Coimbatore, has been received. In their letter, they have brought to the notice of the Govt. the announcements made by the Hon`ble Union Finance Minister in his Budget Speech on 28.2.2001 regarding amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act,1970. These suggestions have been noted.